
**CHEVY CHASE VILLAGE
BOARD OF MANAGERS
JUNE 8, 2015 MEETING**

STAFF REPORT

TO: BOARD OF MANAGERS

FROM: SHANA R. DAVIS-COOK, VILLAGE MANAGER

DATE: 6/4/2015

SUBJECT: FOLLOW-UP REPORT ON VILLAGE HALL LANDSCAPING

Background/Update

At your March 9 regular meeting, the Board approved a revised landscape plan drafted by the Village's Arborist, Dr. Tolbert Feather, for the Village Hall to address the dieback that has been occurring along the southwest side of the building. This area includes the landscape bed outside the Manager's office, the lawn outside of the south side of the Public Works yard, and section of the landscaping areas adjacent to the parking lot (both sides of the low stucco wall). Also included in the proposal was the replacement of two of the seven Kwansan Cherry trees along the east side (Connecticut Avenue frontage) of the Hall that have died (and have since been removed).

At your April 13 regular meeting, the Board heard concerns by members of the Parks & Greenspaces and the Environment & energy committee regarding the plan's lack of native plants. The Board directed Dr. Feather to meet with the Parks & Greenspaces Committee, with members of the Environment & Energy Committee invited to attend, to discuss the committees' concerns and for Dr. Feather to revise his plan as he deemed appropriate to address these concerns, provided the amended plan adhered to the following objectives:

- Cost effective plan
- Resilient, sustainable, easy to maintain, hearty plant species
- Year-round greenery as a backdrop to the Village Hall and to screen unsightly mechanical equipment and rodent bait stations that exist around the building
- In keeping with the original plan, present a variety of plant materials for use in the various areas under consideration

Revised Plan

Dr. Feather, Director of Municipal Operations Mr. Michael Younes and I met with the Parks & Greenspaces Committee on Monday, May 11, 2015. We had a very productive discussion regarding the landscaping along the south and west sides of the Hall. The attached plan (dated May 29, 2015) reflects the plant materials agreed upon during the committee meeting. Not all of the now proposed landscaping is native, however, where possible native plants are proposed. A summary of the revisions to the plan are reflected below:

- The committee deferred to Dr. Feather to research and recommend subsequent to the meeting a native replacement for the 7 proposed Manhattan Euonymus (located outside the Communications Center Mail Room window)
- The 300 proposed Liriope Spicata will be maintained (located along the extent of the bed adjacent to the Communications Center Mail Room and Village Manager's Office)

- The 15 proposed Autumn Carnation Azalea will be maintained (adjacent to the Village Manager's Office)
- The 12 proposed Manhattan Euonymus will be replaced with Climbing Hydrangea (along the south exterior of the Public Works Yard enclosure fence and stucco wall)
- The 5 proposed Repandens Yew will be replaced with Carex Pennsylvanica as a ground cover and one tree-form Service Berry (in the northernmost "parking island")
- The 275 proposed Liriope Spicata will be maintained (along the Laurel Parkway side of the wall the separates the parking lot from Laurel Parkway)
- The stand of 5 proposed Repandens Yew will be maintained (on the Laurel Parkway side of the wall the separates the parking lot from Laurel Parkway)
- Two new White-flowering Redbud trees will be planted in the southernmost "parking island" in anticipation that the existing Sweet Bay Magnolia trees appear to be failing and may need to be removed in the coming years

It should be noted, that the revised plan will be more expensive than the plan originally proposed by Dr. Feather. The cost of the plants in the original plan (presented to the Board at your March 9, 2015 regular meeting) was estimated at \$1,933.66. The plant materials proposed in the attached revised plan is estimated to cost **\$2,556.47** (does not include installation costs, which have not yet been estimated); however, the revised plan includes the planting of two additional trees that were not proposed in the original plan.

Connecticut Avenue Frontage

Although the Connecticut Avenue frontage was discussed during the May 11 meeting, no decisions were made pending a review of a plan generated in the early 1990s by Landscape Architect Mr. Charles Shaw. Committee members sought to see what had been recommended in this earlier plan before deciding what should be planted to replace the two Kwansan Cherry trees that were removed from the east side of the building earlier this spring. The Parks & Greenspaces Committee is scheduled to hold a second meeting on Friday, June 5 at 2:00 p.m. during which the committee will discuss with Dr. Feather options for the Connecticut Avenue frontage. Dr. Feather will be prepared to present the recommended option(s) to the Board during your meeting on June 8.

Board Action Requested

Staff requests the Board's approval of the revised landscape plan (dated May 29, 2015) for the Village Hall, which will be implemented in autumn of 2015, subject to budget appropriation in the FY2016 operating budget. Approval of the budget appropriation will require subsequent approval by the Board since this project was originally planned for completion in FY2015.

Attachments

Village Hall Landscape Plan/Proposal, dated 5/29/2015

Landscape Improvements Plan

Demolition and Site Preparation Plan

Village Hall Landscape Improvements (photo page)

Cost Estimate for plants only, not installation

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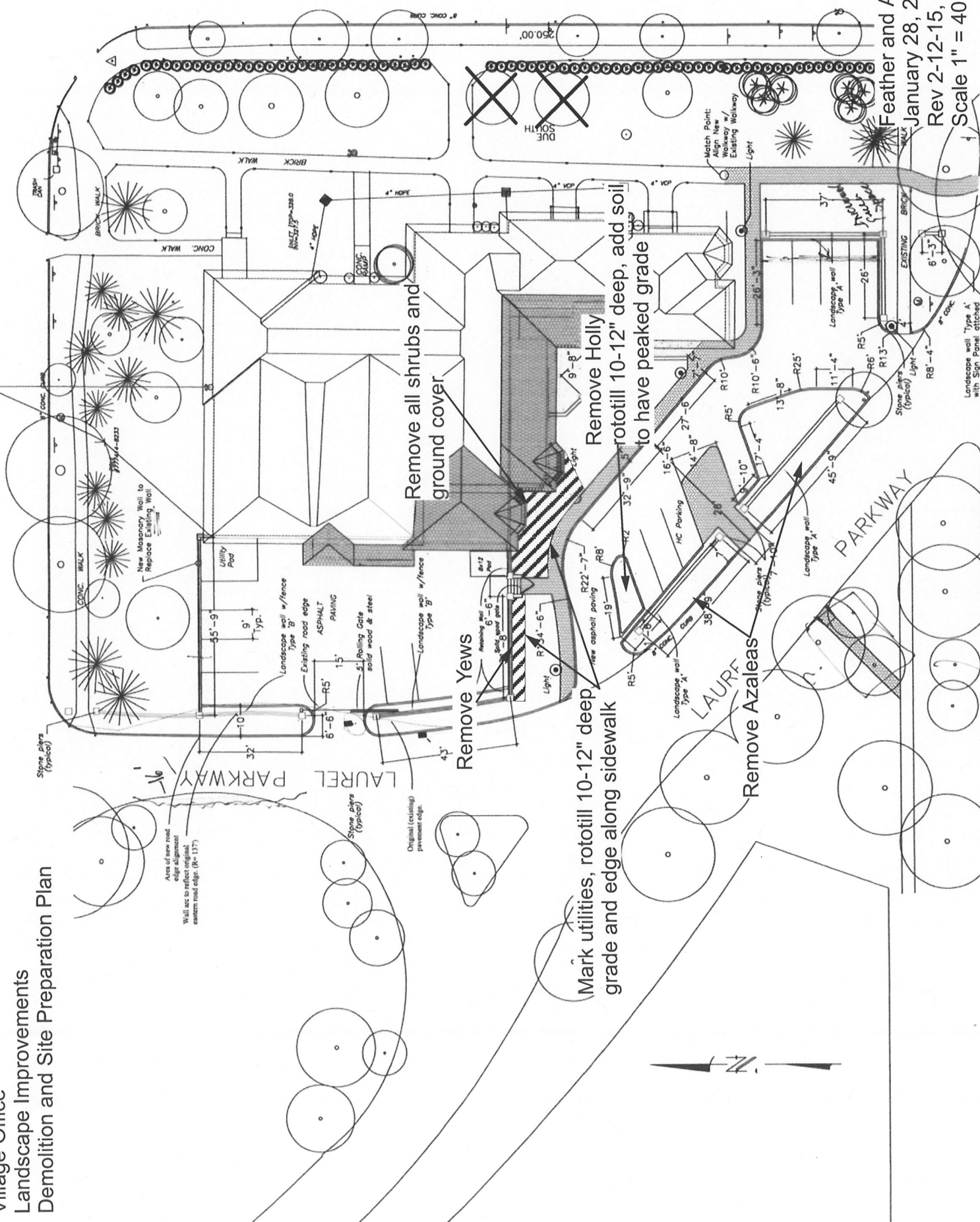
CONNECTICUT AVENUE

Feather and Associates

January 28, 2015

Rev 2-12-15, 5-27-15

Scale 1" = 40'





White Redbud



Tree Form Serviceberry



Autumn Carnation Encore Azalea



Inkberry



Repandens Yew



Climbing Hydrangea



Sedge



Lillyturf

Chevy Chase Village
Village Office Landscape Improvements
Feather and Associates May 27, 2015, rev 5-29-15

Qty	Scientific Name	Common Name	Size	Unit Price	Total Price
Trees					
2	Cercis canadensis f. alba 'Royal White'	Royal White Redbud	2-2.5" cal	\$ 178.60	\$ 357.20
1	Amelanchier arborea	Tree Form Serviceberry	2-2.5" cal	\$ 195.00	\$ 195.00
Shrubs					
9	Ilex glabra 'Shamrock'	Shamrock Inkberry	5gal	\$ 27.02	\$ 243.18
15	Azalea x 'Roblec'	Autumn Carnation Encore Azalea	3 gal	\$ 24.68	\$ 370.20
5	Taxus baccata 'Repandens'	Repandens Yew	5 gal	\$ 30.15	\$ 150.75
8	Hydrangea anomala susp. petiolaris	Climbing Hydrangea	3 gal	\$ 31.58	\$ 252.64
Groundcover					
575	Liriope spicata	Lillyturf	2.25" pots	\$ 0.90	\$ 517.50
Perennials					
50	Carex pensylvanica	Sedge	1 gal	\$ 9.40	\$ 470.00

Total \$ 2,556.47